

IDEFORD PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Meeting held on Wednesday, 3 June 2015

Present:	Cllr Angie Carter-Woodwark Cllr Helen Bellamy Cllr David Fox Cllr Liz Hill Cllr Tom Hill Cllr Derrick White	Chairman
In Attendance	Cllr Tony Dempster Cllr Beryl Austen Cllr Mike Walters Mrs Ashley Lamb 6 Members of the Public	County Councillor District Councillor District Councillor Parish Clerk

Item (a)	Discussion and Decisions (b)
063/15	<p>WELCOME AND APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</p> <p>The Chairman opened the meeting at 1830 and apologies for absence were received from Cllr Anthony French and PCSO Rider.</p>
064/15	<p>MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING</p> <p>It was agreed unanimously that the minutes of the meeting that was held on 13 May 15 be signed as a true and accurate record.</p>
065/15	<p>DECLARATION OF INTERESTS</p> <p>There were no declarations of interests.</p>
066/15	<p>REPORTS</p> <p>County Councillor – Cllr Tony Dempster</p> <p>Cllr Dempster gave an overview of the A380 viaduct work, the concerns and issues surrounding grass cutting issues and the restoration of some of the proposed rural transport cuts following wide spread public consultation.</p> <p>District Councillor – Cllr Beryl Austen</p> <p>The first week or two of the new Council is taken up with seminars for new members and I have attended only one Planning Meeting since your AGM. It was interesting from the point of view of Ideford as the Council were asked to approve a change of use of a stable to holiday accommodation and this was in the countryside outside the village envelope, a situation which we have had here. Despite officers' recommendation for approval the committee voted 16/1 to refuse the application because we are finding that stables are built with the eventual intention of changing these to residences and so it was felt a stand should be made. It remains to be seen whether the Inspector agrees with the committee.</p> <p>I have been endeavouring over the past two weeks to get some action with regard to the cutting of grass verges which it seems will remain uncut throughout Devon at the start of the busy time for tourism, but also because residents are quite cross at the unkempt appearance of grass verges in our towns and villages.</p> <p>In the past Teignbridge were sub- contracted to cut the verges up to eight times a year. This was changed recently to four cuts and now the finances available made it impossible for Teignbridge to carry out what it considered a reasonable service. Consequently the cutting was changed to a private contractor who has to cut only for visibility and safety. You will see, even on roundabouts that two swathes of mowing is done and the rest left at 3 foot high. No banks are mown. As with Libraries and Youth Clubs it would appear that County requires the work to be done by towns, parishes or volunteers. The idea that residents should undertake the work is not practical especially where the grass is so tall that domestic equipment is not adequate for the task. It would appear that with cuts being inevitable there may be more demands on parishes and towns to undertake additional services.</p> <p>District Councillor – Cllr Mike Walters</p> <p>B3193</p> <p>I have received some comments concerning the use of the cycle way along the road. Sibelco included in the design of the road a cycle way in order to maintain a safe passage for cyclists along this route as traffic can be heavy and does travel at a reasonable speed. With cyclists ignoring this and using the road could cause accidents. A policing of the area at times might encourage the correct usage of the road.</p>

	<p>Kingsteignton Library The Friends of the Library are still progressing the fund raising for the proposed extension within the premises. It has to be borne in mind that the building is a DCC asset and that nothing can be done until DCC have determined the future of the libraries and the creation of a charitable status. Planning permission has to be obtained through TDC once these matters have been resolved.</p> <p>Schools Sibelco have been in consultation with TDC planners and the subject of the creation of a G3 pitch has been discussed. The concept of self-build on the New Cross site has been considered and due to difficulties with possible access onto the current site it has been suggested that self-build houses could be established on the Abbrook site and should be written into the plans for Phase 3. I understand that decisions will be made by the middle of this month on Phase 2 which means the school development should be progressed, in time for the September target for completion.</p> <p>Road Closures It is reported that the A380 at the viaduct which spans the Teign is likely to be subjected to lane closures such that repairs can be conducted to the bridgework. This will mean that lane closures will take place over the next six months. On occasions the bridge will be totally closed to traffic at night. So yet again Vicarage Hill and Greenhill Way will suffer heavy traffic both day and night leading to Balls Corner and Newton Abbot.</p> <p>Ram Roast Fair The weather held fine for the Ram Roast this year and as a result we had an even more successful year than last year when we thought we had hit the jackpot. This means more funds will be available to give grants to local organisations in Kingsteignton, which is the main aim of the Fair. Both the Wag of Widdecombe and the Town Crier were indisposed of this year and we look forward to their return next year. The Mayor of Kingsteignton ably stepped into the breach this year.</p> <p>TDC The new administration is getting underway and meetings with the new committees will gather momentum in the coming weeks.</p> <p>Police Community Support Officer Report – Read by Parish Clerk</p> <p>IDEFORD POLICE LOGS for the PERIOD 13/05/15 to 31/05/15 Personal attack alarm sounding. All ok. False activation.</p> <p>IDEFORD CRIMES for the PERIOD 13/05/2015 to 31/05/2015 - None</p> <p><i>Cllrs Dempster, Austen and Walters left the meeting at 1850</i></p>
067/15	<p>MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES</p> <p>Update on Grant and Funding Applications. The Rural Aid Application for £5000 towards the refurbishment of Ideford Village Hall has been submitted to TDC and receipt acknowledged. The decision meeting will take place on 8 Jul 15. The Parish Council has also been granted £118 from DCC Locality Fund for additional Disability Access Ramps for the PCC.</p> <p>Update on the Rural Broadband and ROSS Project No further information has been received from Vodafone but additional research has been completed to inform the letter to Anne Marie Morris MP regarding the potential loss of the programme and regarding the lack of adequate Broadband throughout the majority of the Parish. Following submission of the letter to our MP, Ideford Parish Council will be requesting a face to face meeting to discuss the concerns.</p>
068/15	<p>PARISH MATTERS</p> <p>068.1 – To receive an update on the Annual Internal Audit Cllr Carter-Woodwork informed Councillors that the Internal Audit took place on 21 May 15 and that the Parish Council had passed. Councillors gave a vote of thanks to the Clerk for the preparatory work.</p> <p>068.2 - To provide clarification on District & County Council composting and resale The Clerk provided clarification on Council composting and resale. Organic waste collected from households in Teignbridge by the district council is currently shredded and composted at the In Vessel Composting Plant at Heathfield Landfill Site through Devon County Council’s contract with Viridor. Viridor then have arrangements with farmers to take the material for use on their land. It is up to Viridor what financial arrangement they make with the farmers. However, in order to send this “waste” to farms Viridor have to pay the Environment Agency (EA) for a deployment permit. A bigger farm is therefore a better option for them commercially. It is the EA along with the State Vet that set the rules and regulations in respect of on farm composting of mixed organic waste and they do change from time to time along with the charges.</p>

	<p>The district council does not have any involvement with the organic waste once they have delivered it to Viridor. This product does not meet the “PAS 100” industry standard and therefore cannot currently be offered to the public; the cardboard is a factor in this.</p> <p>068.3 - To receive an update following the 28 May 15 TALC Meeting</p> <p>In the absence of Cllr French, the Clerk provided an update following the last meeting. The key speaker was Nick Davies the Business Manager, Strategic Space (with responsible for Planning & Enforcement). In future the minutes of the TALC meeting would be forwarded to all Councillors for information.</p> <p>068.4 - To discuss Parish Council Plans & Potential Projects for 2015/16</p> <p>Councillors discussed potential projects that could be undertaken during 2015/16. Cllr White commented that the second half of the year could potentially be quite busy with the topics identified during the Community Led Planning process becoming known and requiring action. Cllr White also felt that the topic of Communication should be looked at, specifically how the Parish Council interacts with and is perceived by Parishioners and how improvements could be made. Cllr Liz Hill felt that an Autumn Parish Maintenance and Tidy Up Day would be a good idea. A date during September should be considered. It was resolved to agenda the item for further discussion at the next meeting.</p> <p>068.5 - To discuss notification of various concerns raised by Parishioners.</p> <p>068.5.1 Parishioners have raised a concern regarding the siting of a large mobile home on land opposite Lower Colleybrook Farm. Cllr Carter-Woodwark has spoken with Teignbridge District Council Planning Department, who will investigate the matter and report back accordingly.</p> <p>068.5.2 A letter has been received from a Parishioner expressing concern for a potential accident at the East end of Path 20 as it joins Rixafer Road. Comment was made that Lorries drive up this road at speed and pedestrians or dog walkers leaving the path could be injured. Having looked at the end of the Path Councillors and the P3 Coordinator felt that the hedge is well trimmed, the gateway slightly set back and that all users should exercise caution as they are adjacent to a roadway.</p> <p>068.5.3 Comments have been received about the verges and removal of “Parking Bays” just passed 5 ways & Longthorne Cottage and adjacent to Path 28. While not actually in the Parish of Ideford the land between the tarmac and fence/hedge is the responsibility of DCC. The perceived parking bays are actually eroded verges and it is not believed that there has ever been a layby in this location. DCC have previously placed what I believe are called ploughings (from ditch clearance and hedge under ploughing) on this area. Rather than leave the matter as a large pile it has been redistributed to form hedges, flattened to make more aesthetic looking verges and to allow the planting of trees. The access adjacent to Path 28 is for a working Farm and is not a parking bay.</p> <p>068.5.4 An email had been received from a Parishioner regarding possible enhancement or changes to the Parish Website. Cllr White commented that the draft results from the CLP survey show that the best method for communication in the Parish is the Newsletter rather than the website. Following a discussion Councillors felt that the website was an excellent resource for the benefit of the whole Parish and expressed their gratitude to Lesley Brown for the free provision of the service. It was felt that no additional action should be taken at this time and the matter could be revisited once the results of the CLP data had been analysed.</p> <p>068.5.5 Once again the topic of parking on Church Road had been raised by Parishioners. Following the last meeting PCSO Rider spoke to two owners who moved their vehicles and on 17 May 15 visited one property where once again the owner moved the vehicles. It was confirmed by PCSO Rider that no enforcement documentation has been issued. It was resolved that Cllr Carter-Woodwark would try to speak with the owners of a large mobile home that was currently parked on the pavement to request that if possible they could park in a wider area of Church Road (for example nearer the Church). All Councillors were asked to monitor the situation and speak to vehicle owners if required. Owners should also be encouraged to park on their driveways rather than using the pavement.</p> <p>068.5.6 Cllr Carter-Woodwark had been approached regarding a potential Caravan Park at Sedgewell Farm. Teignbridge District Council Planning Department had been contacted, will investigate the matter and report back accordingly.</p>
<p>069/15</p>	<p>PUBLIC PARTICIPATION</p> <p>Standing Orders were suspended</p> <p>There were no comments or questions from the members of the public in attendance at the meeting</p> <p>Standing Orders were re-instated</p>
<p>070/15</p>	<p>PLANNING</p> <p>No applications had been received.</p>

